

THE ISLANDERS' REVENGE

Porto Ricans Destroy Spanish Property at Coto.

THEY REMEMBER CIALES

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Ponce, Aug. 20.—Twenty-five houses in the town of Coto were burned on Friday by Porto Ricans. The other houses were torn down, and the bank and all of the business houses were looted.

Coto is a small town five miles from Ponce. Half of the population is Spanish, and the stores belonged to them. At 5 o'clock in the morning the night watchman who was on guard was held by three Porto Ricans, who showed a revolver in his face, and threatened to kill him. The watchman ran away, and the men then lighted torches and began to destroy property.

They chopped in doors, tore off and smashed in blinds, and finally set fire to one block of the town. The houses in the town owned by Spaniards, containing all of the business of the place.

The native villagers were terrorized, and at first joined the assailants, who began looting the burning buildings and setting fire to others.

A mule train of the Nineteenth Regular Infantry came along the road while the fire was at its height and was stopped by the flames. The men of the train, doing nothing but look on while the mob, every minute growing larger, by accostions from the native villagers, went from house to house, destroying everything they could get hold of.

Spaniards Take to the Woods. The Spanish residents fled to the woods, though the mob offered no harm to their persons. The bank stood in the middle of the business block. The mob attacked the building with pick axes and shovels, and succeeded in smashing the vault, but they got only very little cash.

After rifling the vault of its contents, the mob turned to the building, and a crowd cheering as the flames rose in the air, and yelling "Death to Spain," "Death to the Spanish," etc.

When the disorder was at its height, Major Parrish, of Gen. Wilson's staff, came along on his way from Ponce to the front, and Lieut. Lawton, with thirty-one men of the Nineteenth Regular Infantry, also came up. They started in with fixed bayonets and killed thirty-three of the rioters.

Only two of the mob were armed, but they did not go to shoot.

A Good-Natured Mob. The mob was good-natured. Its members laughed at the soldiers, and seemed to think the whole affair a joke.

The watchman was caught with the rest. He said he knew two of the men who started the riot, and under a threat of death, he gave their names. The soldiers are looking for them, and have captured a lot of suspects at Juana Diaz.

Coto was still burning last night, but the flames were under control. The town is guarded by soldiers. The houses which were burned were all owned by Spaniards.

The outrage is one of a series that has taken place since the signing of peace. The first was committed by Spaniards in a little town in the western end of the island, where a lot of Porto Ricans were killed.

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FRACTION OF TIME.

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(Special Correspondent's Report.)

London, Aug. 20.—The acme of precision has apparently been reached by a Berlin clockmaker named Lohner, who has just perfected a mechanism for measuring and recording the thousandth part of a second. It consists of a clock mounted on a movable carriage with a dial plate of three meters diameter at the edge.

The latter has two concentric rings, the outer marked with 30 degrees, the inner divided into two hundredth parts. The clockwork moves a single hand at the rate of five complete turns in a second, thus enabling the one thousandth part of a second to be measured on the inner ring.

The instrument would be ruined by stopping the hand suddenly and the eye could not follow the pointer, so a photographic camera is used to record the time. Twelve open cameras are arranged in a circle behind a revolving disk two meters in diameter, which is provided with a hole admitting light to the plates.

As it passes before them, the disk revolves twenty times a second, so that light is admitted to the twelve plates, one after another, in the space of one-twentieth of a second. The pictures thereby obtained show the position of the hand on the dial and the apparatus is useful for measuring the speed of bullets, falling objects, etc. It is possible to take 2,800 photographs in a second.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. A Rough Rider Wanted by the Kansas City Police.

New York, Aug. 20.—Private Seville, of Troop I, of the Rough Riders, is wanted for murder.

A telegram was received today from police headquarters in Jersey City looking for Seville. The telegram read:

"Look out for Seville. He escaped last night. Troop I is at Montauk Point and Capt. McGuinness telegraphed the Jersey City police for he believed that Seville would return there."

Inspector Lange, who is acting chief of police, said that while Troop I was at the Fourth Regiment armory, in Jersey City, before it started for Montauk, Frank Treadle, of No. 27 West Side Avenue, Jersey, carried him to the police station in front of the armory.

Inspector Lange says Treadle informed him that Seville was wanted in Kansas City, Mo., for the murder of a Miss Schumacher on December 8, 1897. Treadle said he was a barber in Kansas City and that he frequently shaved Seville.

He informed the inspector that Seville was a member of the Kennedy crew, the house of Miss Schumacher for the purpose of robbery, and that when she discovered them one of the men stabbed her to death. After the crime \$1,300 was recovered and the men disappeared.

Inspector Lange talked with Capt. McGuinness about Seville while he was here, but the captain decided that it would not be worth the trouble to interfere at present, so Seville was not arrested.

After Seville went to Montauk Acting Chief of Police Lange communicated with the Chief of Police Hayes, of Kansas City, and verified the statement of Barber Treadle.

The inspector learned that Seville was known by several aliases in Kansas City, among them being James Richmond and Coleman. He ascertained further that a reward of \$200 had been offered for the arrest of Seville.

Inspector Lange sent Detective McNally to Montauk and he had a talk with Capt. McGuinness. They decided to take action later. Inspector Lange said he telegraphed Gen. Young, who was the commander of the island, where a lot of Porto Ricans were killed.

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MADRID MUCH DISTURBED

From Gen. Blanco's Dispatches It Is Evident That the Volunteers, in Fomenting Trouble in Havana, Are Abetted by Spanish Residents, Who Do Not Like America's Terms.

Madrid, Aug. 20.—The cabinet council, at its sitting tonight, appointed a Porto Rican peace commission which consists of Gen. Ortega, Capt. Vallero, of the Spanish navy, and Senor Sanchez Aguilá, a military lawyer.

A diplomatic note from the British ambassador was read at the council, making reference to the Spanish fortifications which have been erected near Gibraltar. It was agreed to reply to the note by saying that the erection of the fortifications was in no way hostile, but merely precautionary.

Capt. Gen. Blanco has telegraphed an expression of his adhesion to the government, but asking permission to resign the captain's generalship of Cuba in favor of his immediate subordinate, as the capitulation of Havana is repugnant to him.

Senor Silveira, the conservative leader, in an interview this evening said that the capture of Manila by the Americans could in no way be made to apply to the whole Philippine archipelago.

Most Assembled the Cortes. The Cortes, he said, must be summoned immediately in order that Europe should not be allowed to assume the idea that Spain had lost her entire sovereignty over the islands.

It is for the liberals, he said, "to conclude peace, but the Spaniards cannot do so. I should be disposed to accept power if the Queen Regent called me. I am willing to acquiesce in a suspension of the constitution, but I do not think that a peace commission is necessary."

El Liberal, in an article under the heading, "A Barren Calm," says that the government is beginning to be frightened at its own work. It has gained nothing by imposing silence upon the press and parliament. The people ought to be well informed in order to reject falsehoods from abroad.

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It was shipped from Hongkong on the British ship Delaware three weeks ago.

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NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA.

Shaffer Held Up Two Officers With a Gun.

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 20.—"Buck" Shaffer was wanted by the police for assaulting his wife, and also for drawing a gun on a police officer. Policemen Knight and Bettis went in search of Shaffer about 11 o'clock last night. The two officers proceeded to the northeastern section of the city, and when at the intersection of Princess and Union Streets they separated. Shaffer had evidently witnessed the approach of the officers, for as soon as Mr. Bettis got out of sight he drew a revolver, and, armed with a double-barreled shotgun, and ordered Officer Knight to hold up his hands, which command was promptly obeyed. Shaffer, covering the officer with his gun, backed away until he reached some cars on Union Street, and succeeded in making his escape.

Knight signaled his brother officer, and the two made a thorough search of the neighborhood, but were unable to locate their man. Shaffer is thought to have entered a boat and gone to Maryland.

A team of horses ran away on Alfred Street today, and ran into the steps at the residence of Auditor E. F. Price, nearly breaking into the door.

A meeting of the school board of Alexandria County will be held in this city on Monday next, when the matter of the proposed change for use in the schools will be considered. Reports will be received from each district school board and compared with the county board.

The appointment of teachers will also be reported.

The funeral of Miss Pearl L. Sullivan, who died at the place known as the "Blue Room," was held yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. F. T. Benson conducted the service. The burial was in the cemetery.

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